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Interview of witness [REDACTED] relative to the following allegations:

1. Complainant [REDACTED] alleges unidentified Department members are operating as unlicensed and uninsured private security contractors.

Statement taken at the offices of VASA Security, 3742 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois 60629

Questioned and typed by Sergeant Matthew BROWN, Star 2378, Unit 121

Witnessed by Police Officer Orlando MERCADO, Star 17965, Unit 121

Date and Time: 11 January 2012 at 1250 hours.

BROWN: [REDACTED] What is your full name and address and telephone number.

BROWN: [REDACTED] What is your date of birth?

BROWN: [REDACTED] Are you employed and if yes, by whom?
Yes, by VASA Chicago.

BROWN: [REDACTED] Did you become aware of an irregularity that may have occurred at a job site located between 14th Place and 15th Place on Ashland Avenue on Monday 5 December 2011?
Yes I did.

BROWN: [REDACTED] In your own words, please tell me what happened?
At about 1645 hours my wife, [REDACTED] who is the owner of VASA Chicago, received a phone call from her employee, Security Officer R. MARTINEZ regarding a female at the COSTCO Job site.

BROWN: [REDACTED] Is the COSTCO job site located at 14th Place to 15th Place on Ashland Avenue?
Yes.

BROWN: [REDACTED] Please continue with what happened?
At which point in time, [REDACTED] told me of a situation that was occurring. I asked her what was going on and said the following: "there is a female at the job site (COSTCO) who claims to be the new security company and told Rudy (S.O. MARTINEZ) to exit the site." I told her to find out the name of the company and she called Rudy back. While she had Rudy on the phone, I advised her

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to have him ask the following question: Who is the lady and what company does she work for. [REDACTED] responded to me after asking this question to Rudy the female stated she was a police officer and she was in a black Mustang and would not say what company she worked for. At which point in time I told her OK, get dressed and let's go to the job site and find out what is going on.

BROWN: Did you go to the job site?
[REDACTED] Yes.

BROWN: What happened when you got to the job site?
[REDACTED] When I got to the job site the first person I talked to was Supervisor ROBLES. I asked him what was going on. He informed me that the female was sitting on the 15th street side of the property between Ashland and Paulina. So at which point in time I drove around by her pulled up next to her, she was facing E/B on the North side of the street, which was the wrong side of the street. I also was facing E/B on the North side of the street. Before I approached her I looked at her vehicle and she had police and fire fighter stickers on the back window. I pulled up next to her and I signaled for her to put her passenger side window down, at which time she did. I asked her "are you on the job?" She goes "I'm the police." I asked her if I could see her I.D. and badge. Her response to me was "No, I don't have to show you nothing." I asked her if she had a contract to perform security services at this site, and if so, what was the name of her company, what is the Illinois one two two number.

BROWN: What is a "one two two number?"
[REDACTED] A one two two number is the actual license number issued by the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations to private security contractors.

BROWN: Please continue, you had asked her what her Illinois one two two number was.
[REDACTED] She told me she didn't have one. I asked her again if she had a contract, she said she didn't have it. At which point in time I told her when I asked her for her badge she is required to show her badge and I.D. and she put her window up.

BROWN: Did she ever identify herself by name or show you any kind of identification?
[REDACTED] No.

BROWN: Did you get anything from her that would help identify her?

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[REDACTED] Her license plate number on her vehicle, Illinois tag number [REDACTED].

BROWN: Your wife related earlier that she called a supervisor to the scene. Were you present when the Chicago Police sergeant arrived?
[REDACTED] Yes, I actually informed my wife to call 911 and request a supervisor immediately.

BROWN: While the Chicago Police Sergeant was present, did he ever give you the name of the white female in the car bearing Illinois [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] No he did not, but if I may I informed the Sergeant of what is going on and I informed him that a police officer when working off-duty for a licensed private security contractor does not need state issued credentials, they only need their police credentials and badge. However, when working as a private security contractor, regardless of their police position they need to be licensed through the State of Illinois as a private security contractor, with insurance and workman's comp.

BROWN: Did the female ever say that she was the security contractor?
[REDACTED] Not to myself.

BROWN: To whom did she say it to?
[REDACTED] When Supervisor ROBLES asked her if she could see her contract, she said "all my guys signed individual contracts."

BROWN: Was the female ever allowed on the job site that night?
[REDACTED] No.

BROWN: Have you been in contact with or observed the female we speak of since the night of 5 December 2011?
[REDACTED] I have been in contact with and I have seen her.

BROWN: How have you been in contact with her?
[REDACTED] She contacted myself by using Officer Rudy MARTINEZ' cell phone. She told me on the phone "you're causing me a lot of unnecessary phone calls." I told her that she should be practicing within the guide lines of the law, that she should know better as an officer.

BROWN: If you spoke with her on the phone, did she identify herself by name or in any fashion?
[REDACTED] No she didn't.

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BROWN: [REDACTED] When have you observed the female we speak of?
[REDACTED] I actually passed the site between 14th Street and 15th Street on Ashland and she was in her vehicle right by the gate.

BROWN: [REDACTED] Do you remember the dates and/or times you observed her by the site?
[REDACTED] No, I don't remember the dates, but the times were around 1700 hours and another time about 1945 hours.

BROWN: [REDACTED] This job site is run by NOVAK CONSTRUCTION, is that correct?
[REDACTED] Yes.


BROWN: [REDACTED] Who are your contact person(s) at NOVAK CONSTRUCTION?
[REDACTED] The superintendents of the job site are Patrick MORIARITY and a person name Kelly. The person in charge of their safety is Jim HEMPLEMAN. And the project manager is Anon NANDULA.


BROWN: [REDACTED] Is everything you told me in this statement the truth to the best of your knowledge?
[REDACTED] Yes it is.

BROWN: [REDACTED] After reading this statement consisting of 4 pages and finding it contains your answers, will you sign it?
[REDACTED] Yes.

Statement concluded at 1317 hours.


Sergeant Matthew BROWN #2378


Police Officer Orlando Mercado #17965


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